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Applications Now Available for Children in the Woods Day Camp

Are your kids looking for a chance to get out of the house this summer? If so, they should consider spending a week discovering nature at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge through its Children in the Woods Day Camp. It's fun, educational, and filled with outdoor activities that explore the 6 priority uses of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Camp activities include kayaking, crabbing, clamming, birding, surf fishing, and bicycling and wildlife photography. Day Camp is offered to children who have successfully completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades by summer 2009. The minimum age for participants is 8 years old.

Applications for the June session (June 22 – 26, 2009) of Children in the Woods Day Camp are now available at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center. A random drawing will be held to select the 16 lucky participants. To be considered for the June session, applications must be hand delivered or received in the refuge office by 5pm on June 12, 2009.

There is a small fee of \$50.00 per participant, but scholarships are available. Applications for July and August day camps are also available (separate deadlines apply). The 5 sessions being offered this year are as follows:

- Session 1: June 22 – 26, 2009
- Session 2: July 13 – 17, 2009
- Session 3: July 20 – 24, 2009
- Session 4: August 3 – 7, 2009
- Session 5: August 10 – 14, 2009

The Children in the Woods Day Camp is sponsored by the Chincoteague Natural History Association. To access applications, day camp flyer and memorable photos from last year, visit their website at www.piping-plover.org/childreninthewoods.html. Go to the Kids Corner tab and click on Children in the Woods.

For more information, contact Michael Dixon at (757) 336-6122 ext. 336.

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